UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY GLOBAL RESEARCH PATENT DOCKET RM. BLDG. K1-4A59 NISKAYUNA, NY 12309

COPY MAILED

AUG 2 5 2006

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Marc Schaepkens

Application No. 10/626,253

Filed: July 23, 2003

Attorney Docket No. RD-28,667-3

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 30, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the Issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 1, 2005, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 2, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the issue fee is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to the Publishing Division for further processing.

Petitions Examiner

Office of Petitions